

Overview of SCDD's Self-Advocates Advisory Committee



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Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) Overview

- Role of SCDD
- Primary Objective
- Background
- Key Initiatives



The Role of the SCDD or the “Council”



The **State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)** is established by state and federal law to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and supports they need



Primary Objective



The Council finds out what Californians with developmental disabilities and their families need to fully participate in their community to achieve:

- Self-determination
- Independence
- Productivity and
- Inclusion

Background: Established by Federal Law & State Law

“The DD Act” “The Lanterman Act”



Developmental Disability Definitions

Federal Definition



Starts before age 22

Limitations in 3 of these areas:

- Self-care
- Talking to and understanding other people
- Learning and remembering
- Getting around on your own
- Self-direction/making decisions
- Living independently
- Support yourself and handle money

California Definition



Starts before age 18

Must have a significant disability with 1 of these diagnoses:

- Intellectual disability
- Epilepsy (seizures)
- Cerebral Palsy
- Autism
- Condition like intellectual disability that requires treatment and support similar to that needed for persons with intellectual disabilities



State Councils



- Every state and US territory has a State Council
- They get money from the federal government
- They have a State Plan that says what they will spend their money on
- They focus on empowering individuals through activities that teach self-advocacy skills and support self-determination
- They work on advancing public policy and systems change to help people gain more control over their lives



The Council Believes:



“Californians with developmental disabilities are guaranteed the same full and equal opportunities for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as all Americans.”



(This is the Council Vision Statement)

California State Council on Developmental Disabilities

- The Council has 31 Members
- At least 60% are Self-Advocates and Family Advocates sit on the Council
- Several Self-Advocates chair the committees
- The Council empowers individuals through activities that teach self-advocacy skills and support self-determination
- The Council seeks long-term solutions through systems change to create self-sufficiency, self-determination, inclusion and acceptance

At least 60% of Council Members are Self-Advocates or Family Advocates





Key Initiatives



These things are important to the Council

- Employment First
- Self-Determination
- Legislative Priorities



To Do the Work of the Council We Participate On Committees



The Council Committees

- **Primary Committees**
- **Working Committees**



**Self-Advocates and Family Advocates
participate on all of them!**



Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC)



Members Advise the Council regarding policies, programs and any other area affecting self-advocates in California

Mission Statement

“Be a Voice for all Californians with disabilities by promoting State Council participation and peer advocacy that advances independence and inclusion.”



SAAC Meetings Include Presentations



Vance Taylor and David Forderer

Self-Advocates on the Council Participate in Conferences and other Events to Represent the Council



NACDD Conference in Nevada, July 21-23, 2015

Pacific Alliance Leadership Academy Seattle, Washington



August 16-20, 2015

Self-Advocates on the Council Meet Important People



Aaron Bishop, AIDD Commissioner from Washington D.C.
With Councilmembers Sandra Aldana, Steven Kapp and David Forderer

Self-Advocates on the Council Work with Important People



SAAC Members and
L. Vance Taylor, California OES Office of Access and Functional Needs Chief

Self-Advocates and Family Advocates on the Council help get laws passed



Other Primary

Committees of the Council



Executive Committee

Council Committee Chairs meet and talk about the recommendations from their meetings to present to the full Council

compassion formative character hope
persevere competent flexible clarity
imaginative courage effective patience
l e a d e r s h i p
faithful empathetic innovative curious
competitive diverse humility social
sacrifice ethical global vision discerning

Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC)

Meets and talks about legislation to make recommendations that affect people with developmental disabilities



Employment First Committee (EFC)

Works on recommendations to help people with developmental disabilities get more opportunities for integrated competitive employment, self employment, and microenterprise



Administrative Committee



Deals with the Budget





State Plan Committee



Works on the State Plan Goals and Objectives that change every 5 years



SCDD is Working on a New State Plan for 2017-2021

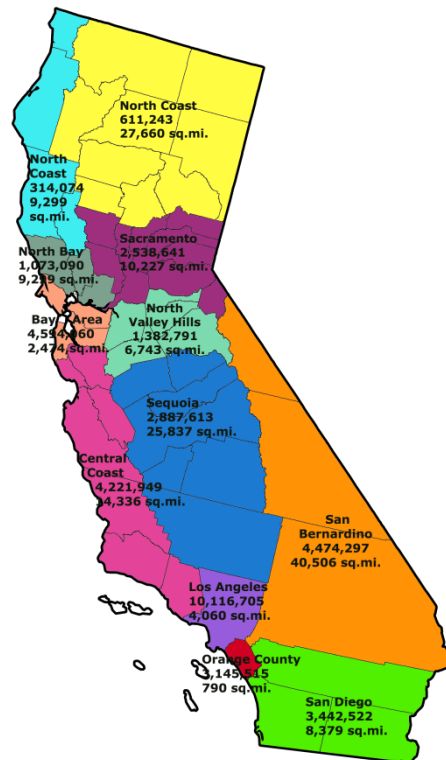
The new state plan will focus on 6 topics:

1. Self-Advocacy
2. Employment
3. Housing
4. Health and Safety
5. Early Intervention & Education
6. Formal & Informal Community Supports



Regional Offices

California is so large, the SCDD has 12 regional offices throughout the state. The staff at these offices provide information and trainings to carry out the goals in the State Plan.



Some Pictures of Self-Advocates in Action



Participate in Events

Disability Capitol Action Day



Working at Information Booths



Being Active in Community Events



Let's Meet the SAAC Members



Councilmember David Forderer



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities Representative
Central Coast Office**

Councilmember Charles Nutt



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities
North State Office**

Councilmember Robert Taylor



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities Representative
North Coast Office**

Councilmember Kirsten Williams



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities
North Valley Hills Office Representative**

Councilmember Rebecca Donabed



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Sequoia Office Representative**

Councilmember Sandra Aldana



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities Representative
Central Coast Office**

Councilmember Ning “Jenny” Yang



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities Representative
Member at Large**

Councilmember Kecia Weller



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities Representative
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Key Points!



- Self-Advocates and their families will have services and supports
- Know about Employment, Self-Determination, Legislation and other resources
- Get involved with your communities
- Join groups to bring a stronger voice to empower the self advocacy movement in California

Questions



SCDD Regional Offices

NC North Coast (707) 463-4700

Counties Served: Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino

NS North State (530) 895-4027

Counties Served: Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Tehama, Trinity, Shasta, Siskiyou

SAC Sacramento (916) 263-3085

Counties Served: Alpine, Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba, Sierra

NB North Bay (707) 648-4073

Counties Served: Napa, Solano, Sonoma

BA Bay Area (510) 286-0439

Counties Served: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo

NVH North Valley Hills (209) 473-6930

Counties Served: Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne

SVMB Silicon Valley Monterey Bay (408) 324-2106

Counties Served: Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz

SEQ Sequoia (559) 222-2496

Counties Served: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Tulare

CC Central Coast (805) 648-0220

Counties Served: San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

LA Los Angeles (818) 543-4631

County Served: Los Angeles

OC Orange (714) 558-4404

County Served: Orange

SB San Bernardino (909) 890-1259

Counties Served: Inyo, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino

SDI San Diego Imperial (619) 688-3323

Counties Served: Imperial, San Diego

